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THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART
DEPARTMENT OF MUSICAL ARTS
WALTER BLODGETT, CURATOR

The twice postponed program for Organ and Orchestra will occur in the Gartner Auditorium of The Cleveland Museum of Art Wednesday, January 26 at 8:30 p.m. This will be a musical innovation for the community because up to the present there has been no auditorium where a first rate organ could be used as a solo instrument with full orchestra. Now we have the great Holtkamp instrument.

The program will consist of one famous but not often heard classic, the Symphony No. 3 with organ by Saint-Saëns, and a first local performance of the brilliant Symphonie Concertante by Joseph Jongen.

The soloist will be Gerre Hancock, an outstanding young American virtuoso who recently became organist and choir master of St. Thomas Church in New York. The orchestra will consist of members of The Cleveland Orchestra. Walter Blodgett of The Cleveland Museum of Art will conduct.

Admission is free and the public is invited.